

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. E-22312
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ORDER SETTING DATE FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETING

(Issued October 11, 2016)

On October 3, 2016, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a letter with the Utilities Board (Board) requesting that the Board set the date and time for an informational meeting for MidAmerican's proposal to construct two 161,000 volt electric transmission lines near Polk City, Iowa. According to MidAmerican, each of these lines would tap an existing MidAmerican 161 kV line, with one of these lines extending roughly five miles from the existing line to a new MidAmerican substation, and the other line extending roughly four miles from the new substation back to the existing MidAmerican line.

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.2 and 199 IAC 11.4, where a proposed new transmission line capable of operating at 69 kV or more would extend for at least one mile across privately owned real property, MidAmerican is required to hold an informational meeting to provide information to the public and to persons with interests in real property that may be affected by the project. A meeting must be held in each county in which real property is located that would be affected.

MidAmerican implies in its letter that the proposed 161 kV project would involve more than one mile of private right-of-way. The proposed lines would be located entirely within Polk County, Iowa. It will therefore be necessary to hold a public informational meeting in Polk County. MidAmerican proposes that the informational meeting be set for January 19, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. It further proposes that, if inclement weather occurs that day and the meeting must be postponed, the informational meeting be held on January 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

The Board assigns Docket No. E-22312 to this proposed project.

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.2(2)(a), the Board, counsel to the Board, or a presiding officer designated by the Board, shall serve as presiding officer at the informational meeting and shall present an agenda for it. The Board has reviewed the date proposed for the informational meeting and will schedule it as requested on January 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., with the date of January 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. as an alternate date in the event that the January 19 meeting must be postponed. The meeting shall be held in Polk County, Iowa, at a location that is reasonably accessible to all persons that may be affected by the franchise. Iowa Code § 478.2(2)(b). MidAmerican shall inform the Board once the meeting location has been reserved.

MidAmerican shall give notice of the informational meeting in compliance with 199 IAC 11.5 and shall file a copy of the meeting notice with the Board at the time of mailing that is required by 199 IAC 11.5(1)(b).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. This proceeding concerning MidAmerican Energy Company's proposed new 161 kV electric transmission line near Polk City in Polk County, Iowa, is docketed as Docket No. E-22312.
2. An informational meeting in Docket No. E-22312 is scheduled for January 19, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., with the date of January 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. as an alternate date in the event that the January 19 meeting is postponed.
3. The informational meeting shall be held at a location in Polk County, Iowa. MidAmerican Energy Company shall file the location of the meeting once the location has been reserved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of October 2016.